EDUCATION SYSTEM OF AUTONOMOUS PROVINCE OF VOJVODINA
Autonomous Province of Vojvodina

- Vojvodina: multi-ethnic, multicultural, multilingual, multi-confessional northern province of Republic of Serbia

- Approximately 30 minority groups comprise almost 35% of whole population of Vojvodina
Education system of AP Vojvodina

- National diversity of AP Vojvodina + 6 languages in official use (Serbian, Hungarian, Slovak, Romanian, Ruthenian and Croatian) = education system adapted to such situation

- Special importance given to languages of ethnic minorities (despite their relatively small number, can receive education in mother tongue)
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- Educational work in state institutions of education: nurseries, kindergartens, primary/secondary schools, University of Novi Sad, in 6 languages of instruction: Serbian, Hungarian, Slovak, Romanian, Ruthenian and Croatian
- Bilingually: Serbian + one of the languages of ethnic minorities
- Pupils’ right to cherish their mother tongue not being taught in (Ukrainian, Macedonian, Bulgarian, Czech, Romani, Bunjevac language)
Example of best practice

- Village of Belo Blato, Hungarian name: Erzsébetlak
- Primary school “Bratstvo i jedinstvo“ (Brotherhood and Unity) - 50 pupils learn 3 languages: Serbian, Hungarian, Slovak; majority of pupils speak all 3 languages
- Within school - folklore dance group; children learn Hungarian, Slovak, Bulgarian and Serbian traditional songs and dances
Example of best practice

In the village:

- folklore ensemble called “Jedinstvo” (Unity) with similar activities
- 3 religious communities: Serbian Orthodox Church, Slovak Evangelist Church, Roman Catholic Church, cooperating closely; at certain occasions, joint masses held
- Belo Blato - not a unique example; multicultural, multilingual communities found all over Vojvodina
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- Without special rights in education system, ethnic minorities face assimilation / extinction
- Ethnic minorities’ right to education in mother tongue has special role in catalogue of ethnic minorities’ rights
- Multicultural education, upbringing of children in tolerant environment = pathway to proper inter-culturalism
- “Europe in miniature”
Thank you for your attention

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